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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AGATTACHE AND ECON OFFICER WITH
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

1. AGATTACHE AND ECON OFFICER INVITED TO VISIT MINISTER
MOYLE FRIDAY MARCH 14.

2. APPARENT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS MINISTER'S EXPLANATION
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF ZANETTI REPORT, A STUDY OF FARM INCOMES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

3. MAIN THRUST OF REPORT IS RECOMMENDATION FOR INCOME
STABILIZATION MEAT AND WOOL INDUSTRY INCLUDING ACQUISITION
MEAT BY NZMPB WHICH WOULD EITHER SELL OR PAY COMMISSION TO
EXPORTERS TO SELL ALL PRODUCT.

4. PROFIT FROM TRADING YEAR WOULD BE PLACED IN BUFFER ACCOUNT
AND BOARD WOULD PAY BACK PERCENTAGE OF PROFITS TO PRODUCERS.
BALANCE OF BUFFER ACCOUNT RETAINED FOR LEAN YEARS.

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5. PRIMARY INDUSTRIES PRICING AUTHORITY WOULD BE SET UP FOR

ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.

6. DEFICIENCIES IN TRADING YEAR FINANCED BY DRAWING ON BUFFER ACCOUNT UNTIL EXHAUSTED THEN DRAWING ON RESERVE BANK FUNDS AT ONE PER CENT INTEREST.

7. PLAN BASICALLY THE SAME AS EXISTING FOR DAIRY INDUSTRY.

8. WOOL MARKETING CORPORATION AND WOOL BOARD WOULD BE MERGED TO BECOME SINGLE ACQUISITION AND MARKETING ORGANIZATION USING BUFFER FUNDS AS IN MEAT PROGRAM.

9. AGATTACHE QUERIED MINISTER ON PURPOSE OUR VISIT INDICATING HAD PRELIMINARY KNOWLEDGE WAS GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT FIFTY MILLION N.Z. DOLLAR GRANT TO MEAT AND WOOL INDUSTRY MADE BY PRIME MINISTER ON FEBRUARY 24. PM INDICATED GRANT WAS DIRECT TO PRODUCERS, NON-REPAYABLE AND NON-INTEREST BEARING.

10. MINISTER EXPLAINED FUND WAS INITIAL INPUT OF WORKING CAPITAL FOR INCOME STABILIZATION FUND PLANNED LATER AND NOT DIRECT GRANT OR SUBSIDY.

11. AGATTACHE INFORMED MINISTER THAT ANY GRANT OR BOUNTY MAY BE VIEWED BY USG AS FORM OF SUBSIDY ON EXPORTS IN LIGHT OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY OR ANTI-DUMPING LAWS.

12. AGATTACHE ASKED MINISTER FOR CANDID REPORT ON EXTENT OF SUBSIDIES TO LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY TO ENABLE USG TO EXAMINE. MINISTER AGAIN REITERATED THAT INDUSTRY WOULD NOT BE SUBSIDIZED BUT PLANNED ONLY TO SKIM OFF HIGHS AND EVEN OUT LOWS OF MARKET AND GAVE NO INDICATION WOULD FURNISH SAME.

13. AGATTACHE BROUGHT UP URGENCY OF RESOLVING MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED EMBASSY OPINION THAT U.S. COULD NOT GO BEYOND TRIGGER LEVEL AS SUCH ACTION WOULD NECESSITATE MANDATORY CONTROLS.
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